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The Weekly Focus

Faced With Poor Court Record, Trump EPA Seeks Voluntary Remands

With a notable losing record in seeking to delay or roll back Obama-era rules, the Trump EPA has sought and won voluntary remand in several recent cases challenging the agency's policies, potentially avoiding additional

losses and giving the administration a new opportunity to scale back the policies though any changes will likely still face new suits.

Latest News

Wheeler Seeks To Harmonize EPA Risk Practices, Adding To IRIS Pressure

Administrator Andrew Wheeler is asking top EPA scientists to develop new guidance aimed at harmonizing risk assessment practices across the agency, an effort that sources say is likely to put further pressure on the agency's Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS) program and its conservative approaches.

EPA Backs States' Use Of Auto GHG Limits In SIPs, Undercutting Rollback

EPA is approving state implementation plans (SIPs) to meet federal ozone standards that rely on Obama-era vehicle greenhouse gas limits for reducing emissions even as the agency prepares to scrap such measures after finishing its controversial rule preempting states from enforcing their own vehicle GHG rules.

Suspended Children's Health Office Chief Returns To EPA In New Role

EPA leaders have quietly brought the agency's former children's health chief back though in a new role, after abruptly removing her last fall, sparking a firestorm of criticism and messaging efforts to show the topic remains important at the Trump EPA.

States Step Up Criticism Of EPA's PFAS Plan, Seek Binding Mandates

Groups representing state environment officials are publicly criticizing EPA's recently released multi-media action plan for addressing per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), citing weaknesses across many program areas and calling for the agency to go farther such as by setting binding standards for contaminants across multiple media.

Democrats Advance Bill To Block Paris Climate Deal Exit On Party-Line Vote

House Democrats have advanced on a party-line vote a leadership-backed bill that would block President Donald Trump's pledge to leave the Paris climate agreement, arguing the measure is an opportunity to force Republican lawmakers to develop their own strategy to tackle climate change.

Daily Feed

First House climate panel hearing focuses on youth

"We all have a moral imperative. And you have a constitutional one," testified Aji Piper, who is one of 21 youth plaintiffs pursuing a high-profile climate trust lawsuit against the Trump administration.

Global study shows PM2.5 mortality risk

A report from a research group partially funded by EPA underscores the adverse health effects of fine particulate matter, but EPA advisers are divided on whether to tighten the agency's current standards.

Ewire: Colorado lawmakers OK sweeping oil and gas bill

In today's Ewire: The legislation, which heads to Gov. Jared Polis' (D) desk for his expected signature, would allow local governments to regulate drilling and make public health the states top priority instead of development.

Texas chemical incidents intensify calls for EPA protections

Three chemical release incidents at Houston-area facilities in the last three weeks are intensifying calls for EPA and other federal agencies to bolster protections for fence-line communities.

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